

Dunkerton Community School  
October 13, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
ICN/Board Room

President - Kirby Marquart, Dan Knebel, Lyle McIntosh, Chad Wolfensperger (arrived at 6:33 pm), Superintendent-Dr. Tim Cronin. Absent: Elizabeth Downs

Guests: Patricia Foster-Elementary Principal; Kory Kelchen-Secondary Principal/AD, Cassidy Cooley, Cathy Mills Virtual Guests: Sara McIntosh, Ronda Rathe

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kirby Marquart.

Roll Call

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried: 4-0.

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrators reports.

Dr. Tim Cronin: shared written report-severe teacher/substitute teacher shortage across the state of Iowa. Administrators recommend the Dunkerton District hire **2 Long-term sub teachers** to cover daily staff absences-salary to be paid from ESSER funds; \$70,000 in REAP Grant money available for technology upgrades/chromebook purchases-Admin Team evaluating District/student needs; Certified Enrollment deadline is this Friday (Oct. 15th)-current data shows an increase of 13.61 students--GREAT for the Dunkerton District & Community!

Kory Kelchen: shared written report. Dunkerton Schools has found a Spanish Teacher for second semester; shared HS GPA trends over the past 5 years; have had Dress Code Policy conversations with students/staff other area School Districts--will present update during the meeting. Tremendous Fall season for activities-Football has qualified for playoffs, Volleyball is ranked in the top 10 & Cross Country runners are running well-preparing for Conference/District meets. Dunkerton is hosting the first 2 rounds of the Regional VB Tourn.

Patty Foster: submitted a written report; Elem Staff spent PD day learning about Specially Designed Instruction; Student Solution Team held first meeting to develop action steps for needy students; we have analyzed ISASP testing data and compared it to state averages--our 3rd-5th grade students scored above state averages on 72% of content domains. Way to go students & Staff!!

Dr. Tim Cronin presented an update on buildings and grounds.

Playground basketball court has been repaired--waiting on seal & area sidewalk/step cracks to be repaired. Miller Fencing will not have availability to repair/replace Sb/Bsb fence-Mr Kelchen is checking with a company in Des Moines. Wapsie Pines Lawn Care has agreed to reseed/fix the front sod problem for less than \$600. Waiting on quotes/more information for Bus Barn concrete base. Need repairs on indoor batting cage pulley system & waiting for quote on replacement of Kitchen delivery door. Would like to replace the key entry with a card reader system. A dead tree needs to be removed from Elem playground & carpet needs to be replaced in Elem Computer Lab. Admin. will pass along quotes when received. Following discussion, Bd. members asked for the elem. roof drain spout to be "buried" into the ground (placed through current drain) to avoid winter slipping on icy sidewalk. A report from AJ Associates has been included in the board packet with recommendations (including costs) for

the District to meet COVID-19 Assessment Preparedness standards. Directors can read through the report and discussions can be held during upcoming meetings.

Superintendent Cronin shared Legislative News. It is a quiet time right now. Lobbyists are working on recommendations, including looking for solutions to the teacher/sub teacher shortage.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the review of the Open Enrollment application of Wyatt Moeller (K) from Dunkerton CSD to Denver CSD. Siblings currently attend Denver Schools. Motion carried: 4-0.

President Marquart requested a brief 3 minute break from the meeting at 7:21 pm..

Upon the President's return (7:25pm), Dr Cronin stated no new information or changes have been made to the current Return to Learn Plan.

Superintendent Cronin shared a second reading of Board Policy 105-Assistance Animals with Directors and information he had gathered from other Districts. President Marquart welcomed guests Cathy Mills and Cassidy Cooley, Coordinator of the Teacher Foster Program from Retrieving Freedom in Waverly, IA,. Guests shared experiences and definitions of various types of Assistance Animals and how they are used in area school Districts.

Following discussion, motion was made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to add Board Policy 105-Assistance Animals to the Dunkerton Community Schools Board Policies. Directors asked Administrators to review class schedules/possible options for implementing these program services into the District without causing students or staff health/social or emotional concerns. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the following 2021-22 personnel changes; the resignations of Barb Fettkether as Food Service Worker & Larry Fettkether as Custodian, the hiring of Rachel Holst as JH/HS Spanish Instructor (pending BOEE approval) at \$17,328, Bryce Rigdon as Long Term Substitute Teacher at \$180.49 per day, Eileen Rath as JH Track Coach at \$1,162, Nancy Sires as Food Service Worker & Part-time Substitute Bus & Van Driver contracts for Mike Hiller, Jeff Kremer, Rebecca Reichen, Leon Vick & Mike Woodruff. Motion carried: 4-0.

Superintendent Cronin stated there are no Instructional Service Agreements or Contracts to review this month.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second made by Knebel to approve the Resolution for Dunkerton CSD to request Allowable Growth & Supplement Aid for a negative Special Education balance of \$118,965.15 for the current 2021-22 School year. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve as presented the RFP for Snow Removal for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried: 4-0.

President Marquart thanked virtual guests for attending and opened the floor for any comments. No comments received.

President Marquart reminded Directors of the upcoming ISFIS 5 year Projection Workshop in Cedar Rapids on October 21st from 10am-3pm. More specific information will be sent out to attendees.

Following discussion, members agreed to **move the next regular Board Meeting** to November 17, 2021 to allow for the receipt of official Canvas results of the upcoming School Election on November 2, 2021. Directors will meet on Nov. 17th at 6:30 pm in the ICN Room and hope to hold their Organizational Meeting at that time.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Wolfensperger to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Motion carried: 4-0.

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Kirby Marquart, President

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Amy Morley, Board Secretary

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